



## **Sponsor a Child**

**Through your giving you became part of my living**

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **What does Beautiful Gate Do?**

Our mission is to reflect God's image as we care for and protect children, empower and preserve families and mobilise our community. Through our Child and Youth Care Centre we provide temporary relief care for children whilst solutions to their problems are being addressed.

#### **Who would I be helping?**

Orphans or children abandoned by their family or abused and neglected in the broader Cape Town area of South Africa. Children admitted to the program are admitted by a government social worker or, in some emergency cases, by the police. Some are placed on the recommendation of a hospital where medical support is needed for the child or when a parent is too sick to care for a child.

#### **Are the children HIV positive?**

Yes and No. On average 70-80% of the children admitted to our Child and Youth Care Centre are HIV positive, either by transmission from their mother or by sexual abuse.

#### **What is the cost of being a Sponsor?**

Depending on the country of origin of the giver, a monthly gift of R120, \$25, €20 or £15, or more

#### **How can I pay?**

1. Stop order or Automatic Bank Draft
2. Credit Card online via our website <http://www.beautifulgate.org/donate.html>
3. By EFT (electronic funds transfer) into our account. Please email [sponsorchild@beautifulgate.org](mailto:sponsorchild@beautifulgate.org) for details

#### **What does my sponsorship help buy for my sponsor child?**

Your sponsorship contributes towards the following for each child:

1. Daily meals including at least one cooked meal per day. All meal plans are advised by a dietician.
2. School uniform
3. Transport to school and school costs
4. Extras often include payment for school outings, extra lessons or small toys for the children (these can also be donated)

### **What do I get in return for my sponsorship?**

1. Quarterly cottage updates – that inform you about what is happening in the cottage with the children.
2. General newsletters about the stories of the community and the work Beautiful Gate is doing.
3. Invitations to special events that we host from time to time.
4. Appreciation for your support through an annual thank you letter.
5. A tax donation certificate annually (if you are living in South Africa).

### **Can I send a gift to my sponsor child?**

Yes. Gifts and letters can be sent. Please keep the following rules:

1. Gifts should be small and not too expensive. They should preferably fit in an A5 envelope.
2. Photographs should be appropriate and the content considered before being sent. Photographs of you and your family lets the child see who is praying for them.

### **I see Beautiful Gate is a Christian organisation. Do you support children who are not Christians?**

Yes! Beautiful Gate supports all children and families irrespective of their cultural background or religious beliefs.

### **I see Beautiful Gate is a Christian organisation. Do I have to be a Christian to sponsor?**

No, you do not need to be a Christian to sponsor. However, if you are a Christian, we would encourage you to pray for your sponsor child.

### **What does Beautiful Gate provide (over and above of my sponsorship)?**

1. Each child admitted to the Child Care Centre is placed in a small cottage of up to 6 children and a cottage mother or father (House Parent) looks after them just like any mother or father does for his/her children. A child development worker (CDW) also supports the child's development through after school activities such as helping with home work, sports, crafts, dance and drama.
2. Psychosocial and Spiritual Support – we have a qualified Clinical Social Worker who counsels all children admitted to the Centre individually and runs group sessions on loss, rejection, children's rights and understanding their HIV disease.
3. Medical Care – We have full time nursing staff who ensure all children have a health screen on admission. HIV positive children are assessed for anti-retroviral therapy through our partnership clinic in Crossroads where we currently treat over 500 HIV positive children.
4. Re-unification Social Work – The Social Work team for the Centre is actively involved in finding and supporting extended family members to prepare them to receive the child into an appropriate family. Our goal remains family-based care and we strive to re-unify or foster all children.

### **How do I know my sponsor child will actually get what I pay towards?**

1. Beautiful Gate South Africa is registered with the National Department of Social Development as an official charity/not for profit organisation (005-086NPO).
2. Beautiful Gate South Africa is also registered with the Department of Social Development in the Western Cape as a Child and Youth Care Centre and is a member of the Hospice Palliative Care Association of SA as a Children's Hospice. As such, we are accountable to the above bodies for appropriate practice.
3. Beautiful Gate South Africa has a team of staff and volunteers who help us to administer this programme and our annual financial statements are audited by an external audit firm every year. Please contact us for a copy or visit our website [http://www.beautifulgate.org/about leg.html](http://www.beautifulgate.org/about_leg.html)

4. Should you wish to contact any of our references, please contact us and we shall provide you with details of others on the sponsor programme for verification.

**Am I the only sponsor of this child?**

No. Other people may also be assisting with the cost of supporting this child as R120 per month will not cover all his or her needs. However, we do not over subscribe one child beyond the cost of care.

**How long do I need to give for? How long will sponsorship last?**

As long as you like! Some sponsors sponsor different children over a long period, others choose to sponsor for a season. It's up to you.

**Will the price go up?**

Not every year. From time to time we review the sponsor amount in relation to the actual cost of providing the above items for the children. Should we increase the amount, this will not be an automatic occurrence, and the decision will remain in the hands of the sponsor.

**If I have to stop sponsoring, what happens to the child?**

Beautiful Gate is committed to provide the best possible care for each child. Should a sponsor fall away, we will make every effort to ensure that all children receive adequate support and care.

**Are there other ways to get involved?**

Yes. They are:

1. You can choose to donate a once-off amount
2. Volunteer your time to serve in the Child and Youth Care Centre. For further enquiries regarding volunteer opportunities please contact [personnel@beautifulgate.org](mailto:personnel@beautifulgate.org)
3. If you are close to Cape Town, we welcome people apply to host certain children on weekends and school holidays. To apply please write to [support@beautifulgate.org](mailto:support@beautifulgate.org) for attention the Child and Youth Care Centre Manager.